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REMARKS

In response to the Official Office Action dated November 18, 2004, Claims 1 through 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,280,757 issued to David M. McAtee et al.

Reconsideration is hereby requested.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention discloses an antibacterial tissue which includes an upper planar shaped absorbent member. The antibacterial tissue also includes an intermediate planar shaped absorbent member having a plurality of apertures formed therein coupled to the upper planar shaped absorbent member. Additionally an antibacterial member is formed on an upper surface of the intermediate planar shaped absorbent member between the upper planar shaped absorbent member and the intermediate planar shaped absorbent member. Still further the antibacterial tissue includes a lower planar shaped absorbent member which is coupled to a lower surface of the intermediate planar shaped absorbent member.